



What's New in New Orleans

Church Planting: All Nations Fellowship

"... every nation, tribe, people and language ..."



Greetings from New Orleans! I can't express to you how exciting it is to be planting a church in New Orleans at this time! As with all new beginnings, we have had a humble start, but right now we are experiencing a season of new birth. It feels like springtime at our church plant because God has been causing things to flourish and grow! Recently, the way God has been touching individuals is incredible, and I'd like to take this newsletter to share a couple of stories with you that will give you a glimpse of how God has been changing people's lives at All Nations Fellowship.

One Wednesday night, as I was picking up people for church, I picked up a homeless lady named Laura who looked very frail and weak. After talking with her, I found out she was sick and didn't have long to live as HIV had taken its toll on her body. After service, we tried to find her a place to spend the night, but since the homeless shelters were closed we brought her to a local hospital. Before she got out of the van, I asked Laura if she knew Jesus Christ in a personal way. I shared with her the good news that God loved her and sent his only son Jesus to die for her. After we had talked, Laura made a decision to put her trust in God, and we prayed with her to receive Jesus that night. Laura, in her physical condition, doesn't have long to live in this world, but I know now that I'll see her again because she has a home in heaven that God is preparing for her.



Ready to pick up people for church



I first met Lawrence under the bridge – at tent city where many homeless have established temporary shelters. Lawrence came to church one Wednesday night, and he began to tell me about life under the bridge and how he had got “caught up”. He had become addicted to crack and was living under the bridge as a result of his addiction. I gave him my phone number and told him that when he was ready I would take him to Teen Challenge (a Christian drug and alcohol rehabilitation center). Several weeks later I got a phone call early in the morning- it was Lawrence and he said, “he was ready”. So I went and we gathered up the few things he had and drove to Teen Challenge where they proceeded to do his blood work and enroll him in the program. A week later I called his director and he was excited to tell me that Lawrence had given his life to the Lord during one of their discipleship classes! He is currently still enrolled and is living for the Lord.

It is a joy to share with you what the Lord is doing during this season of growth as it is incredible to witness the power of God to change a person's life. The apostle Paul wrote in Philemon 1:4, “I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers”. I can understand the feeling of what Paul wrote in this verse because he knew what it was like to partner with people in the ministry. I am so grateful for

All Nations Fellowship on a Sunday morning

every single person that has supported me as I serve as a missionary to New Orleans and do truly thank God for you. Please continue to pray for Laura and Lawrence as they grow in the Lord, and for me as I continue to minister in this great city. May God bless you and be with you!

-Zachary Povec

As you pray, please remember our other prayer needs:

Revival in New Orleans

A permanent facility for All Nations Fellowship

Master's Commission students

The financial needs of our church